

Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting

2021

In the 2020 general election, the Montgomery County Charter was amended by the voters to require the County to be divided into seven Council districts to elect seven district and four at-large members of the Council. The Charter required that the Council appoint a Commission on Redistricting composed of 11 registered voters who reside in the County.

The Commission on Redistricting was established by the County Council on January 26 with the confirmation of 11 appointed Commissioners.

Redistricting Commissioners:

Imad Aldean Ahmad

Laura Ard

Mariana Cordier (Chair)

Keshia Desir

Arthur Edmunds (Vice Chair)

Valerie Ervin

Bruce Goldensohn

Jason Makstein

Nilmini Rubin

Samuel Statland

David Stein

Procedural Matters:

County Charter Section 104: Timeline for Redistricting Procedure: plan and report to Council by November 15; public hearing within 30 days; law after 90 days if Council does not take action.

County Code Section 2-149: Meetings may be conducted informally but to take “formal action or decide controversial matters,” Roberts Rules of Order govern.

County Code Section 2-149: Meetings open to public in accordance with Open Meetings Act

- Notice requirements
- Rules regarding conduct of public in attendance
- Closure of meeting to preserve attorney-client privilege

County Charter Section 103 states:

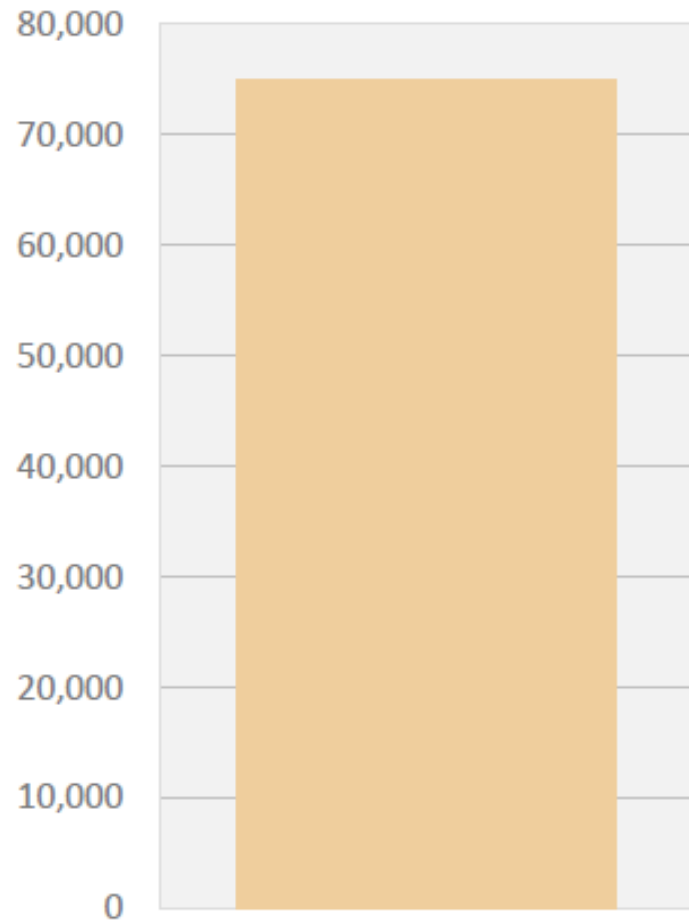
Council Districts:

Each of the districts “shall be **compact in form** and be **composed of adjoining territory**. **Populations** of the council districts shall be **substantially equal**.”

From the County Attorney’s Office -

- Compact requirement: close union of territory is key; does not require equidistance from the center or mathematical precision
- Contiguity (“composed of adjoining territory”): territory touching, adjoining, and connected
- Compact and Contiguous are subject to constraint to equal population – will ultimately be judged by U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment Equal Protection Standards

Population Growth



Total Population Increase, 2010-2019

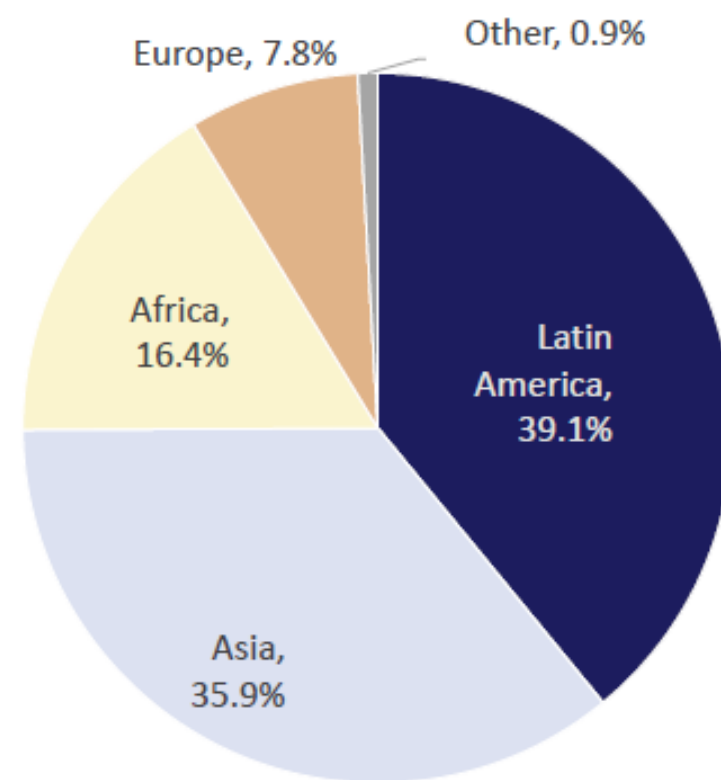
Montgomery County is currently home to over 1 Million residents.

It has had an estimated population increase of over 75,000 since 2010.

Source: 2019 Population Estimates Program, U.S. Census Bureau

Top Regions and Countries of Origin

Country of Origin	
El Salvador	12.9%
India	7.9%
China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	6.7%
Ethiopia	5.2%
Guatemala	4.7%
Peru	3.9%
Philippines	3.0%
Vietnam	2.9%
Korea	2.9%
Honduras	2.4%

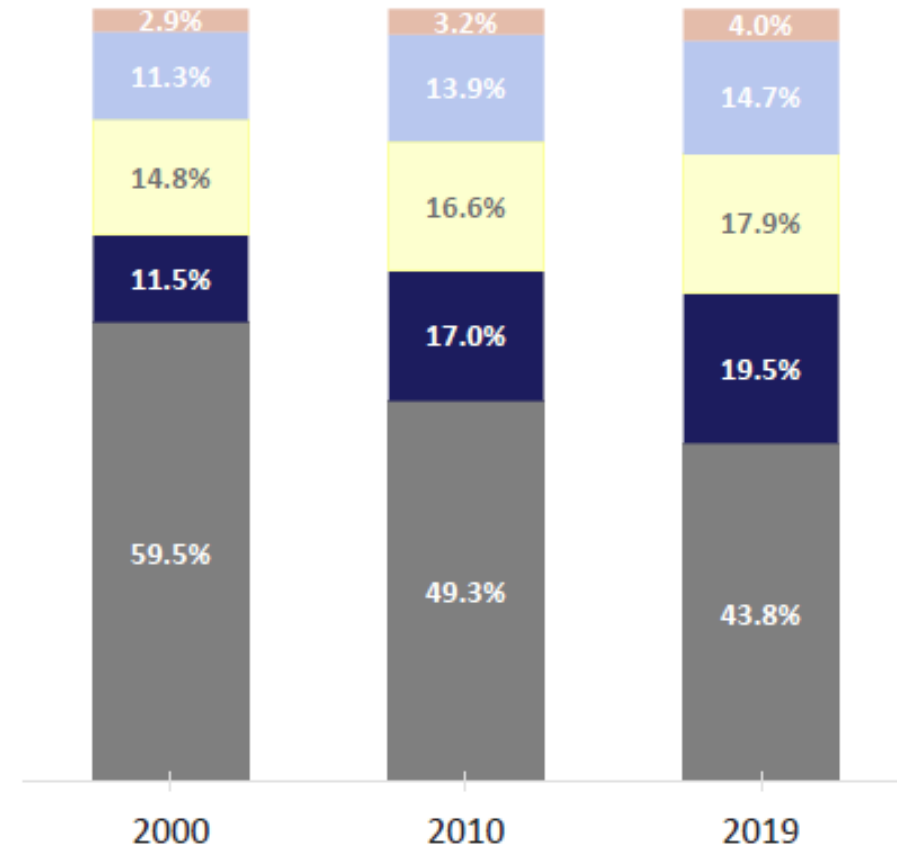


Source: 2019 American Community Survey, 1-year estimate, U.S. Census Bureau

Racial and Ethnic Diversity



- Non-Hispanic White
- Hispanic
- Black or African Am. Alone
- Asian & Pacific Isl.
- Other Race

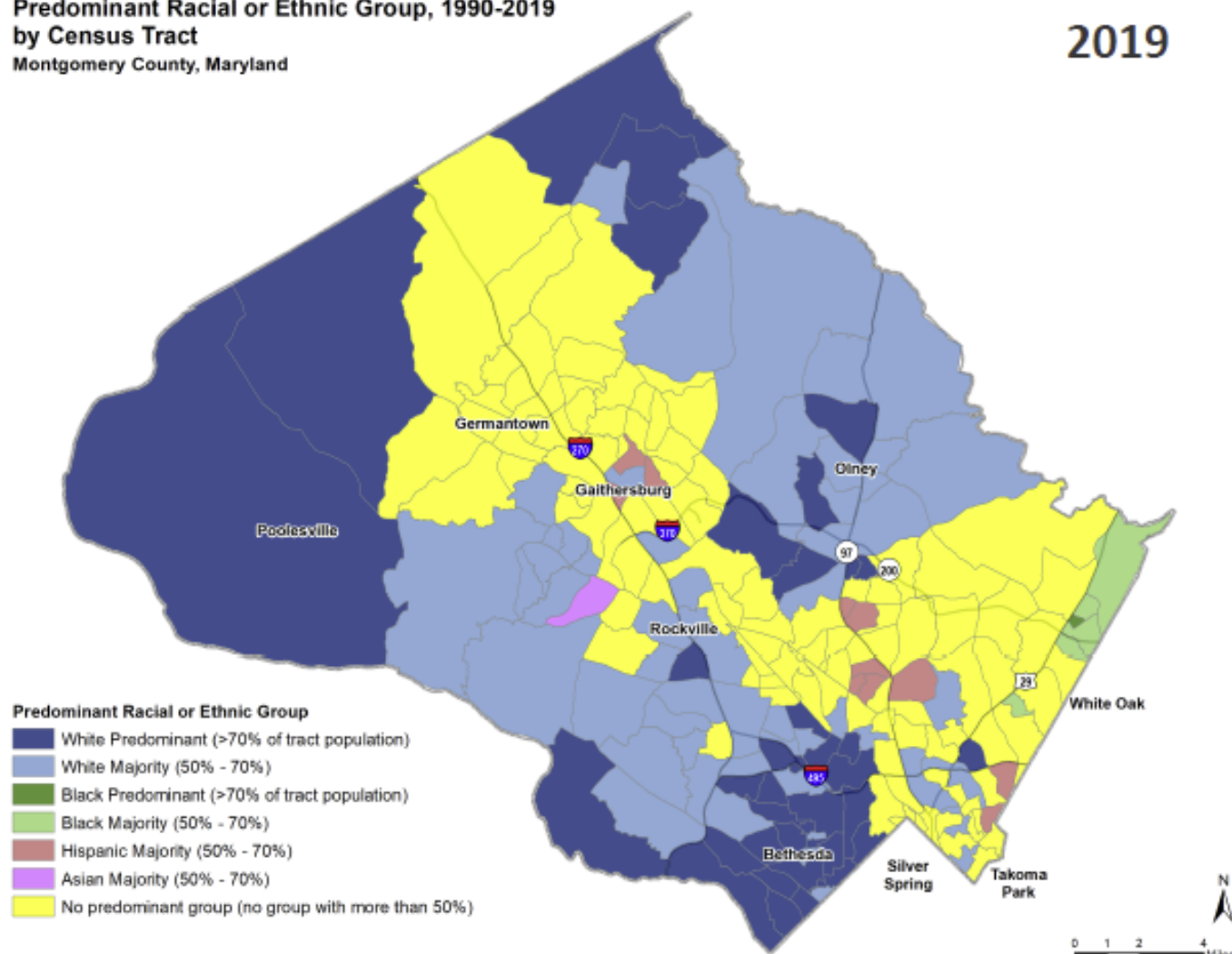


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Predominant Racial or Ethnic Group, 1990-2019 by Census Tract

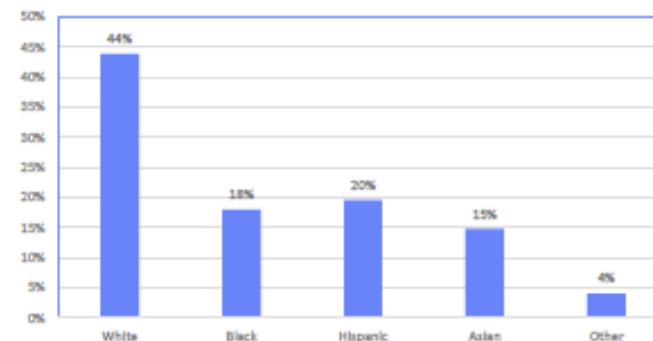
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Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Created by: M-NCPPC, Research and Special Projects Division

Population Distribution, by Census Tract



Census Tract Acreage, by Race

